

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

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CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

July 22, 1982

Mr. Robert Becker, Director  
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Re: Picillo Waste Disposal Site - Coventry,  
Rhode Island; Request for Information

Dear Mr. Becker:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Rhode Island are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the disposal of hazardous wastes and substances at the Picillo waste disposal site in Coventry, Rhode Island. Part of the necessary clean up at this site is taking place using federal government funds under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq. Among other matters, our investigation requires inquiry relative to the nature of the wastes disposed of at the Picillo site and the identities of the parties whose wastes were disposed of at the site or who transported wastes to the site. Your company is among those whose name appears on barrels or containers which have been uncovered at the site.

In an effort to complete our inquiry, we request that you provide us with the information requested below. Please be advised that this information request is being made pursuant to the authority of Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. §6927, and Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §9604.

Specifically, we request that you provide the following information within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter:

1) Between January 1, 1976 and December 31, 1977, did your company, or any of its officers, employees, agents, servants or attorneys arrange for the disposal of any hazardous wastes or substances in the State of Rhode Island?

2) If the answer to the above inquiry is in the affirmative, identify the location of the disposal site(s) in Rhode Island at



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which your waste was disposed, the type(s) of waste disposed, the quantity of waste disposed, and the date(s) of disposal. Also, provide copies of all documents in the possession, custody, or control of your company or any of its officers, employees, agents, servants or attorneys which concern, refer, or relate to the shipment of such wastes to Rhode Island.

3) Between January 1, 1976 and December 31, 1977, did your company use the services of any of the following companies or individuals to dispose, treat or recycle wastes:

Scientific Chemical Processing, Inc. (Newark or Carlstadt, NJ)  
Chemical Waste Removal, Inc. or Corp. (Bridgeport, CT)  
Drums Automation, Inc. or Corp. (Danbury, CT)  
C & B Barrel, Inc. or Corp. (Danbury, CT)  
Advanced Environmental Technology Corp. (Morris Plains, NJ)  
Chemical Control Corp. (Elizabeth or Newark, NJ)  
United Sanitation, Inc. (Cranston, RI)  
Sanitary Landfill, Inc. (Cranston, RI)  
A. Capuano Bros., Inc. (Cranston, RI)  
Jack, Anthony, or Daniel Capuano (Cranston, RI)  
Candy Box Farms Agricultural Marketing, Inc. (Coventry, RI)  
Cannon Engineering, Inc. or Corp. (Bridgewater, MA)

4) If the answer to the above inquiry is in the affirmative, provide copies of all documents in the possession, custody, or control of your company or any of its officers, employees, agents, servants or attorneys which concern, refer, or relate to the services provided by the named company or individual to your company.

Please note that the documents requested in inquiries 2) and 4), above, include contracts, shipping documents, bills of lading, invoices, and any other documents showing the dates of shipment, destination of waste, number of barrels or containers, types of waste, or amounts of waste.

This information request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. §3501, et seq.

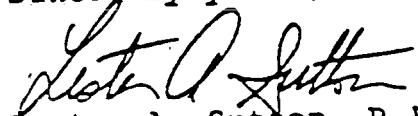
You may, if you desire, assert a business confidentiality claim covering part or all of the information requested, in the manner described by 40 C.F.R. §2.203(b), 41 Fed. Reg. 36907 (September 1, 1976). Information covered by such a claim will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent, and by the means of the procedures, set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, 41 Fed. Reg. 36906-36918 (September 1, 1976). If no such claim accompanies the information when it is received by EPA, it may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to you. You should read the above cited regulations carefully before asserting a business confidentiality claim, since certain categories of information are not properly the subject of such a claim.

Please forward the information requested above to:

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Region I  
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Attn: Joel Blumstein

Failure to comply with the above request within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter, or to adequately justify such failure to comply, may result in enforcement action by EPA. If you have any questions with regard to the above, please write attorney Joel Blumstein at the above address or call him at (617) 223-5470.

Sincerely yours,



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